

NOS Special Projects Highlights: September 2006

Project of the Month

Ocean Explorer Web Site

The Ocean Explorer Web site was selected as one of five finalists for the Government Web Managers Best Practice Award. The site, which is an educational Internet offering chronicling NOAA ocean research expeditions, was in good company: NASA's main Web site was given the top honors. More than 50 federal Web sites were nominated for the award.

[HTTP://WWW.OCEANEXPLORER.NOAA.GOV/](http://www.oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/)



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Submerged Maritime Heritage Resource for *USS Macon*

Provided live 24-hour QuickTime video feed in support of an archaeological expedition to the *USS Macon*, a 785-foot dirigible lost offshore of Point Sur on February 12, 1935. The live feed ran from September 18, 2006 until September 22, 2006, and had 15,279 visitors. This was the single most popular live feed ever attempted and it was a complete success! (Mike Shelby)

Socioeconomic Research & Monitoring Program for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

Completed Commercial Fishing Panels: Report for Year 6 and data collection for years 7 and 8. The Year 6 report will soon be posted online at: <http://marineeconomics.noaa.gov/SocmonFK/commfish.html#reports>. (Bob Leeworthy)

Office of Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) Newsletter

Worked with OCRM to create and implement a new HTML template to make the group's internal newsletter more visually appealing and to facilitate communication. (Jennifer Coletta)

Equal Employment & Diversity (EEO&D) Programs Web Pages

Developed and posted pages for the NOS EEO&D Programs on both the NOS Web site and the NOS For Employees Web site. Pages highlight EEO&D activities, student and minority opportunities, and policies and procedures. (Emily Crum)

Special Projects Property Management Database

Developed the Special Projects Property Management Database to track and link sensitive property, such as laptops, to a static map of the 9th floor. When fully implemented, the database will allow property managers to verify property management data (Fay Tang)

NOAA

NOAA Ship Tracker Web Site

Launched the NOAA's Ship Tracker Web site (<http://shiptracker.noaa.gov>). The Ship Tracker Web site provides near real-time positioning for all NOAA ships. A Google Maps version of Ship Tracker is also available to the public. (Nipa Parikh and Robb Wright)

NOAA Fleet Allocation System

Completed the mockup phase of the NOAA Fleet Allocation System, which has been approved by NOAA's Office of Marine and Aircraft Operations. The final mockups of the Web-based Fleet Allocation System were presented on September 18, 2006. (Robert Wilson)

NOAA Regional Collaboration Geographic Working Group

Provided GIS and planning support to the NOAA Regional Collaboration Geographic Working Group. The Working Group evaluated constituents in each area to provide options for NOAA to construct a cross-Line Office regional framework. The objective is to advance Annual Guidance Memorandum priorities that require regional implementation and promote One NOAA outreach. (Kim Cohen)

NOAA's 200th Celebration

Coordinated the meeting of several milestones by the 200th working groups this month. For example, the Publications Working Group successfully submitted a poster, tri-fold, and brochure to the printer to meet the fiscal year deadline. All publications will be ready for distribution in December. (Lani Watson)

NOAA's 200th Web Site Top Tens Nominations

Coordinated the selection process for identifying NOAA Top Tens and honorable mentions among more than 100 nominations. The Top Tens will be highlighted on the 200th Web site and cover the following categories: history makers, breakthroughs, historic events, and foundation datasets and/or products. (John Paul Tolson)

Summary of Current Projects by Client: FY06 (as of September 29)

Client	Active	Proposed	Completed	Estimated Level of Effort* (person years)
NOS	30	5	7	12.1
NOS Program Offices	20	5	18	6.3
NOAA	27	5	8	16.2
NOAA Line Offices	1	1	1	3.1
NOAA Goal Teams	11	0	2	4.2
TOTAL	89	16	36	42.0**

*The level of effort estimates will fluctuate as new projects are added and existing projects are completed.

**There is an additional level of effort that goes into SP-specific projects (e.g., administrative).

Fun Fact

Special Projects Staff Listening For Success

All Special Projects staff recently completed the Personal Listening Profile® from Inscape Publishing. The profile, which identifies five listening approaches, will allow Special Projects to more effectively communicate with partners, enhance individual performance, gain insight and information to increase productivity, and evaluate results to maximize the problem solving process. The results of staff profiles are summarized below.

	Appreciative	Empathic	Discerning	Comprehensive	Evaluative
<i>Natural Listening Approaches</i>	9 (22%)	8 (20%)	12 (29%)	23 (56%)	23 (56%)
<i>Listening Growth Areas</i>	11 (27%)	17 (41%)	15 (37%)	5 (12%)	8 (20%)

SP Listening Orientation/Style Summary (listed in order by number of individuals)

15 - Analytical: Comprehensive/Evaluative	3 - Evaluative	1 - Astute: Evaluative/Appreciative
5 - Learning: Discerning/Comprehensive	2 - Insight: Comprehensive/Emphatic	1 - Discerning
3 - Goal: Discerning/Evaluative	2 - Emphatic	1 - Appreciative
3 - Receptive: Discerning/Appreciative	1 - Creative: Comprehensive/Appreciative	0 - Engaged: Discerning/Emphatic
3 - Rapport: Appreciative/Emphatic	1 - Personal Values: Evaluative/Emphatic	0 - Comprehensive

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